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He used his gun ... just to stay alive!



BRAD ELLISON, a fast mon with a gun,



Brod searched alone until he met MILES LANG,



Then fate took a hand when an accident brought them to a remote, suspicious area...



Here they met PADRE JOSE, doctor of mind and



And Brad Ellison foced a new danger in a gunslingers' haven just south of the border!

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YES?

YOU DIDN'T HAVE
TO COME HERE!
YOU COULD HAVE
AVOIDED THIS TOWN!

THE DURANGO KID KILLED A FRIEND OF MINE! HE WAS WAITING FOR ME! YOU SAW THE DRAW! IT WAS A FAIR FIGHT!

I SAW IT! ACCORDING TO THE LAW IT WAS FAIR!













THE WAY YOU HANDLE A BUN IT'S NOT MUCH ... BUT IT PAYS A YOU'RE WORTH MORE THAN THAT! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE TWENTY- FIVE HUNDRED IN GOLD AND KEEP! THOUSAND ?

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN A LONG TIME HATING. TO OFFER THAT KIND OF MONEY! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? COME BACK HERE! THE FIND IS MY BROTHER! I WANT HIM ALIVE!

WHAT



PHICKLY, JOHN FORBES EXPLAINS.

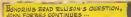
THIRTY YEARS AGO MY BROTHER, EDWARD, DISAPPEARED! FROM TIME TO TIME I HAD WORD ABOUT HIM ... FROM SINGAPORE ... PARIS ... AUSTRALIA! THEN, FOR TEN YEARS ... NOTHING



FIVE YEARS AGO I GOT A LETTER POSTMARKED SAN VICENTE, MEXICO! SENT TWO DIFFERENT MEN TO LOOK FOR HIM! THEN LAST YEAR I RECEIVED ANOTHER LETTER ASKING ME NOT TO SEND







MY SIGTHER EDWARD, MYSELF, VOL HAVISH'T IN PARTY AT THE MAN WEER FARTY AND SWEEP MY NEES, WE STRUCK SOME COAL VENUS... MADE A FORTUNE EDWARD, SEING AN IDEAUST, SOT SQUEEZED OUT!

THE TWO MEN WERE KILLED! I HOPE YOU'LL BE MORE LUCKY! HERE'S FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOR EXPENSES! YOU'LL GET THE REST WHEN YOU PRODUCE MY BROTHER - OR PROOF OF HIS DEATH!



MR. ELLISON, I DON'T HAVE LONG TO LINE! IF EDWARD ISN'T FOUND, ALL MY HOLDINGS WILL REVERT TO MY PARTIER! NOTHING GRIEVES A MAN SO MUCH AS TO SEE A THIEF REWARDED WITH THE MONEY HE, HIMSELF HAS STOLED!!



AT DAWN THE NEXT MORNING. A LONE RIDER CROSSES THE RIO GRANDE INTO MEXICO ...



AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF SEARCHING, HE REACHES AN OUTLAW HIDE-OUT DEEP IN THE SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAINS ...



YOUR NAME'S GRYPTON! SINCE YOU DIDN'T PUT THAT LIKE A QUESTION, I'LL ADMIT TO IT, YOUNG FELLA! WHO ARE YOU?





AND 62YPTON IS RIGHT... FOR INSIDE, BRAD FINDS THREE OLD ACQUAINTANCES FROM THE CHERCKEE STRIP... JOHN RINGO, JIMMIE YOUNGER, AND EEN THOMPSON...







EXCEPT HERE!

AT LEAST THE





MAYBE THEY WON'T



IF I CAN BRING HIM BACK TO HIS BROTHER. OR BRING PROOF THAT HE'S DEAD... THERE'S TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND IN IT FOR ME!



SUDDENLY, GRYPTON INTERRUPTS THEM ...

ELLISON! YOUR ROOM'S READY! AND I'D TAKE IT AS A FAVOR IF YOU DIDN'T WEAR YOUR BUNS IN HERE!

SHUT UP GRYPTON!



WHAT ARE NEVER MIND GRYPTON, WE JUST YOU ALL SO EDGY ABOUT? WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND!







MISTER, I DON'T LIKE PEOPLE WHO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS WITH A QUESTION! I'M LOOK-ING FOR A MAN NAMED EDWARD FORBES! DID YOU EVER HEAR OF HIM?



I THINK YOU'RE LYING ... BUT NEVER MIND! I'M GOING TO SAN VICENTE! HOW DO I GET THERE!

SOUTHWEST. ABOUT FORTY MILES! ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO





ARE YOU SURE DO NOT BE NERVOUS, AMIGO! I AM , BY NATURE , A MERCI-FUL MAN! I WILL SPARE YOU THE SLOW DEATH! YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT MAN?



AND NOW, SENOR .. THE AMERICAN DOLLARS IN YOUR BACK POCKET!

SURE, AMIGO! HERE.



BRAD STARTS TO REACH BACK, AS IF ABOUT TO GET THE MONEY OUT OF HIS BACK POCKET ...















IT IS JUAN GARCIA! THERE IS A PRICE ON HIS HEAD YOU HAVE EARNED YOUR SELF A REWARD SENOR

THEN YOU KNOW



THE ALCALDE MUST
HAVE A THOUSAND
EYES AND EARS!
THIS TERRITORY
FOR A HUNDRED
MILES IN ANY
DIRECTION IS MY
RESPONSIBILITY!

FAIR ENOUGH! THEN TELL ME, HOW DID GARCIA KNOW EXACTLY WHERE I CARRIED MY MONEY?













MR. ELLISON... THERE GOES A GOOD MAN! HE CAME HERE FIVE YEARS ASO LOOKING FOR GOLD! HE PROSPECTED FOR A WHILE... STILL DOES OCCASIONALLY! BUT HE'S BUILT A SOUID LIFE HERE! SO COULD YOU!



MR. O'REILLY! IT SEEMS TO ME BOTH YOU AND EVERY-ONE ELSE IS BENT ON TELLING ME HOW AND WHERE TO LIVE! THE IMPORTANT THING IS HOW TO STAY ALIVE! I'M STILL GOING TO LOOK FOR EDWARD FORRES!











Penned in the Chite, the Stallion Stands trembung like an avalanche about to break Loose...







MMEDIATELY, THE HOPSE IS ON HIM... REARING, PLUNGING, SLASHING WITH HIS FEET...







THE STRANGE DEVICE ENCIRCLES THE MUSTANG'S LEGS, AND DROPS IT TO ITS KNEES ...





FORGET IT! BUT THE BOLEADORAS! WHERE DID YOU GET THEM? WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO USE THEM COME ON! LIKE THAT?





THE FOLLOWING DAY, REMEMBERING MILES'S OFFER, BRAD ELLISON FORMULATES A PLAN ...



YESTERDAY YOU SAID
YOU OWED ME A FAVOR!
DOES THAT STILL 60?

OF THAT STILL 60?

WITHDRAWN!

O'REILLY SAYS YOU'VE
DONE A LOT OF PROSPECTING IN THESE HILLS ...
THAT YOU KNOW THEM
PRETTY WELL! HOW
ABOUT COMING ALONG
WITH ME AND ACTING
AS MY GUIDE?

I WOULDN'T BE DOING ANYTHING FOR YOU FOR YOU TO YOUR DEATH! DON'T WORRY! WHEN IT GETS ROUGH I'LL GO IT ALONE! SHOULD WE LEAVE TOMORROW? AMIGO! IF I TAKE ONE BACKWARD STEP, I COULD NEVER HONESTLY WALK FORWARD AGAIN! LET'S START NOW!



THAT NIGHT THEY MAKE CAMP IN THE HILLS



WHAT ABOUT O'REILLY ?
HE'S THE RIGHT AGE?

NEVER! HE'S NOT EDWARD FORBES!



MILES .. LISTEN TO ME! I HAVEN'T TOLD THIS TO ANYONE ... BUT I KNOW FORBES IS ALIVE! LESS THAN A YEAR AGO HIS BROTHER SOT A LETTER FROM HIM! IT WAS POSTMARKED SAN VICENTE!



Using a SHARPENED STICK, BRAD ELLISON DRAWS A DOT AND A CIRCLE IN THE SAND.

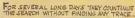
MY HUNCH IS HE'S HIDING HERE ... A DAY'S RIDE,

UNLESS HE WAS JUST RIDING THROUGH!



I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE! ALL I KNOW IS THAT FORBES IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE MATE TO THIS ... A RARE 1794 DOUBLE EAGLE SILVER DOLLAR! THEY WERE BOTH BOYS PROMISED NEVER

TO PART WITH THEM!



WHERE ARE YOU FROM MILES? YOU PIDE LIKE TEXAS!





TIVE SCRATCHED FOR GOLD OVER HALF THE WORLD... A MAN NEEDS SOMETHING OF HIS OWN! AND WHEN I FIND IT,





Sizing up their position, brad ellison Plunges his horse ahead... and out of the canyon ...





BRAD! WE'RE DISTURBING AN ISOLATED PEOPLE! THEY RESENT STRANGERS WANDERING THROUGH THEIR HILLS!

IT SOUNDED MORE TO ME LIKE A MAN SAYING HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE FOUND!











SEVERAL HOURS LATER ... WHEN EVERYONE AT THE INN HAS RETIRED ...



THE MAN IN THE DOORWAY DISREGARDS MILES AND FIRES SEVERAL SHOTS INTO BRAD'S BED ...





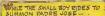












AMIGO... YOU STOPPED A BULLET INTENDED FOR ANYWAY ... NOW I HAVE A PERSONAL INTEREST

WHEN THAT REDROOM WHAT ELSE DOES DOOR OPENED YOU ASKED A QUESTION ...

A MAN SAY WHEN HE WANTS TO KNOW WHO





I DON'T KNOW! ONLY ... A BOY I KNEW NAMED BILLY BONNEY. THE YOUNGSTER THEY CALLED "BILLY THE KID!" HE DIED WITH THAT ON HIS LIPS!





I HAVE HEARD ABOUT HIM-BUT I HAVE NEVER SEEN HIM! PADRE JOSE BECAUSE YOU IS HERE! HAVE NEVER HELP BEFORE!

THEY TELL ME YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT MEDICINE!

LIKE MOST MEN, MY SON... I KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MANY THINGS! NOW. IF YOU WILL EXCUSE US









THE NEXT DAY, HOWEVER, PADRE JOSÉ VOLUNTEERS, TO HELP BRAD ELLISON IN HIS SEARCH...

ALREADY THE WORD HAS SPREAD TO THE HILL PEOPLE THAT YOU ARE MY FRIEND! ASK THEM ANYTHING! THEY WILL TELL YOU... IF THEY KNOW!







Again and again they ask the same questions... But always the answers are the same...

NO, SEÑOR WE ARE SORRY! WE WISH WE COULD TELL YOU WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW!





BUT WHEN THEY APPROACH THE CABIN, THEY SENSE THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG ...



RUSHING TO THE CABIN, THEY FIND IT RANSACKED...
THERE ARE SIGNS OF A VIOLENT STRUGGLE...





BUT WHAT ARE
YOU GOING TO
DO? YOU CAN'T
SEARCH THESE
HILLS ALONE!

YOU GO TO O'REILLY'S
RANCH! TELL HIM
WHAT'S HAPPENED!
HE'LL VOLUNTEER
HELP! T'LL GO TO
GRYPTON'S PLACE!

MY SON... NO! I'VE HEARD OF THOSE MEN! THEY'LL OFFER THEIR GUNS FOR MONEY... YOU'RE WRONG PADRE! THEY'RE MY KIND! THIS TIME THEY'LL DRAW FOR A FRIEND!





HOWEVER, WHEN BRAD REACHES THE OUTLAW HIDE-OUT THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THE PLACE IS STRANGELY DESERTED ...

WHERE ARE THEY, GRYPTON ? WHERE'S

THEY'RE GONE, GUN-



THERE'S MOBODY LEFT IN THE



THERE'S A SCATTER GUN IN YOUR BACK AMIGO. NOW SLIP OFF THAT GUN BELT! KICK ITOVER HERE.

MILES LANG!



DO NOT BE DISTURBED, COMPADRE! I STILL OWNEYOU A FAVOR! TILL LET YOU LIVE TO COLLECT YOUR MONEY FROM EDWARD FORBES' BROTHER... BUT AFTER I KILL EDWARD FORBES!

EDWARD FORBES! KILL HIM? VOU MEAN.

YES, WHILE YOU AND THE PADRE WERE OUT OUESTIONING THE HILL PEOPLE, I FOUND THIS 1794 DOUBLE EACLE DOLLAR IN THE PADRE'S DRESSER DRAWER... PADRE JOSÉ IS EDWARD FORRES!



YOU SEE, FIVE YEARS
AGO I WAS HIRED BY
HIS BROTHERS PARTNER.
TO MAKE SLIPE
FORBES NEVER RETURNEY THE PARTNER
WILL INHERIT





NO, MILES ... NO!

LET THE OLD

MAN LIVE!

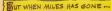
TAKE MY TWENTY

I CAN'T DO THAT, AMIGO! NOT WHILE I STILL OWE YOU A FAVOR! THIS WAY WE CAN BOTH COLLECT... ME FOR KILLING HIM...YOU FOR BRING-ING BACK PROOF THAT HE'S DEAD!



I'LL SLIP THIS SILVER DOLLAR INTO YOUR POCKET! IN TWENTY-POUR HOURS GRYPTON WILL LET YOU GO!





THAT'S WHAT HE TAINKS, GUN-SUNGER! I'VE TAKEN TOO MUCH OFF YOU SCUM TO EVER LET YOU GO... ALLVE!



CORDOBA! GRYPTON! YOU'D BETTER CHANGE YOU'R NAME! I PROMISE YOU'R NAME! I PROMISE YOU'R NOW PRINCEDAY, SOME WHERE THE YOU'R SOUNCE OF MY FRIENDS WILL FIND YOU!



















SEYPTON! YOU TRIED TO HAVE ME BUSH-WHACKED THE FIRST MORNING I RODE OUT OF WHARES JUST NOW, YOU WERE GOING TO HAVE
ME KILLED! STILL ... I'LL GIVE YOU MORE
THAN A FIFTY-FIFTY CHANCE! PICK



T'M GOING TO START COUNTING .. SLOWLY! WHEN I REACH TWO, START SHOOTING! WHEN I REACH THREE ... I START!



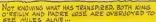




THE NEXT MORNING AT THE O'REILLY HACIENDA ...







MILES... YOU'RE HE ...HE FOUND ME! HE AND SAFE! BUT WHERE'S HIS FRIENDS! BUT IN HELPING BRAD ELLISON ? ME ESCAPE, HE WAS ... WELL ...





ALSO PROMISED ELLISON THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY! I'D FIND EDWARD FORRES I'LL GO WILL-AND DRAB HIM BACK TO HIS BROTHER, IF IT'S THE



FEIGNING SURPRISE, MILES TURNS TO PADRE JOSE ...



PADRE! THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS SHOULD ASK YOU ... BUT THEY'LL KEEP UNTIL WE'RE SAFELY ACROSS THE BORDER COME ON!

MARIA! GO WITH THEM!



WITHOUT REALIZING IT, KING O'REILLY DELIVERS PADRE JOSE INTO THE HANDS OF THE MAN WHO WANTS MOST TO SEE HIM DEAD ..



ONLY MINUTES LATER, BRAD ELLISON COMES STREAKING OUT OF THE HILLS TOWARD THE RANCH ... MINUTES THAT MIGHT AS WELL BE HOURS ...





THE PADRE IS SAFE, LAD! HE'S WITH MARIA AND MILES... ON THE WAY TO SAN VICENTE! O'REILLY! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? MILES MEANS TO KILL HIM!



THEN YOU'RE BLIND, AS WELL,
BELIEVE MILES HAS TO KILL THE OLD
MAN TO COLDECT FROM HIS
TRUST MILES! BROTHER'S PARTNER! HE'LL
THAYE TO! / KILL MARIA, TOO!



MY DAUGHTER! THIS RANCH! THEY'RE ALL I HAVE! MILES. WOULDN'T DESTORY THEM AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR HIM!

NOT IF WE CATCH UP WITH HIM FIRST! COME ON.



BUT AT THE SAME INSTANT, IN THE FOOTHILLS, MARIA BALKS AT MILES' PLAN ...

THERE'S A FORK UP AHEAD! WE'LL TURN UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS! IT'LL BE SAFER THERE! NO, MILES! NO! FATHER SAID WE SHOULD GO STRAIGHT TO SAN VICENTE!





WITH A SICKENING REALIZATION, MARIA AND THE PADRE TURN TOWARD MILES ...

































But as the two men chase each other over the rocks, brad ellison's ammunition is exhausted...









THE BOLEADORAS FIND THEIR MARK ...





SOON, BRAD ELLISON REJOINS THE OTHERS ... BUT HE IS CHANGED ... SAD ... DEPRESSED ...



OR A LITTLE PIECE THAT'S UP TO THE PADRE! I WON'T FORCE HIM TO GO BACK

TAY HERE, BRAD! STAY WITH US ... WITH O' REILLY, MARIA AND ME! PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT, PADRE! PERHAPS I'VE FOUND MY PLACE



A PLEDGE



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JUICY FRUIT GUM HAVE FUN SAFELY





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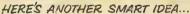
NEVER chose a ball into the street.

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ALWAYS play in a playground, backyard, or other approved play area.

ALWAYS clear away broken glass, rocks and other dangerous things before playing. ALWAYS hold on with both hands when climbing.

ALWAYS avoid strange dogs



Here's a swell-tasting treat that really lasts . . .

Juicy Fruit Gum. Chewing it helps

keep your teeth clean, too. Ask your Mom

to bring some home.



